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**NOLAN ALMEIDA** (*Peter Pan*) is a 17-year-old, currently in his junior year of high school. His last appearance was as Crutchie in *Newsies* directed by Richard J. Hinds at 5-Star Theatricals. Nolan hails from Orange County, California, where he and his sister grew up putting on magic shows for his parents. When he’s not on stage Nolan can be found with a guitar in one hand and a bottle of hot sauce in the other. He also loves writing, skateboarding, and making movies with his friends. Nolan has always loved the story of *Peter Pan*. So much so that in fifth grade he tried to publish a sequel. It did not get published. Playing this iconic role and getting to introduce his generation to the magic of *Peter Pan* is a dream come true! Endless gratitude to his acting coach Danielle Keaton for introducing him to the art in acting, as well as his family and friends for their constant support.

**CODY GARCIA** (*Captain Hook*) is a tall and stereotypically indecisive Libra that never acted before but is excited to figure out how it works today. In their spare time, Cody enjoys being a wall flower at social gatherings, dancing like people are watching, and honking at chickens who are taking their sweet time crossing the road. Like most people, Cody lies awake at night wondering what life was like before they sliced bread. One would have to assume it was a pretty crazy time prior to that. Cody would like to dedicate their performance to all the pirates and none of the crocodiles—you know what you did. National tours: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (Wonka), *Elf* (Buddy). Other credits: *Urinetown* (Officer Lockstock), *the Star Wars Ballet (*Darth Vader), and *Oklahoma* (Roustabout #3). Alma mater: Boston Conservatory.

**HAWA KAMARA** (*Wendy*) is absolutely delighted to be making her professional debut playing Wendy Darling in Peter Pan. She recently graduated from Emerson College with a BFA in Musical Theatre and is now based in New York City. Some of her favorite credits include *Jelly’s Last Jam* (Anita), *Heathers: the Musical* (Veronica Sawyer) and *Spitfire Grill* (Hannah Ferguson). Hawakamara.com

**RAYE ZARAGOZA** (*Tiger Lily*)has been called “one of the freshest and most compelling voices in folk music today” by NPR. The LA-based singer-songwriter, who recently released her third studio album *Hold That Spirit*, makes political folk music that is informed by her identity as a woman of mixed Indigenous, Asian and Latina heritage. In addition to inspiring change with her music and performing at iconic venues like Red Rocks Amphitheater and Lincoln Center, Zaragoza also writes the music for Netflix's 'Spirit Rangers.’ She is thrilled to return to the theatrical stage as Tiger Lily. Follow the journey @rayezaragoza.

**SHEFALI DESHPANDE** (*Mrs. Darling*) is thrilled to be touring with this beautiful new production of *Peter Pan.* Shefali, a graduate of USC, is a musical theatre performer, actress, and pop/R&B singer-songwriter.She played Chalali on *Minx* (HBO Max), wrote/sang on the soundtrack for *Double Cross* (ALLBLK), and played Kamala Harris in the nationally-touring political parody musical, *Capitol Comedy*. Shefali is proud of her Bay Area and Indian roots, and is ever-grateful to her family, friends, and educators for their unconditional belief in her.

**KURT PERRY** (*Mr. Smee*) is ecstatic to join the company of *Peter Pan.* NYC: *Noblesse Oblige* (Ma-Yi Theatre Company), *Quilt: A Musical Celebration* (MJP Theatricals). Tours: *A Christmas Carol* (Christmas Present). Regional: *The Addams Family* (Fester, Beef and Boards), *The Music Man* (Jacey Squires, Fireside Dinner Theatre), *South Pacific* (Stewpot, Plaza Theatricals), *HAIR* (Margret Mead, Maine State Music Theater). TV: “Bull”(CBS). Thank you to Penny Luedtke, Jordan Fischer and my friends and family for their unconditional support. @KurtPerry41.

**ZAYNN ARORA** (*Ensemble*) is a super sweet and funny kid from TX. He loves plants and birds. He has been performing from the age of two. Zaynn's credits include voice overs for Nickelodeon, multiple national commercials, short movies and songs. Instagram: @zaynnarora

**LEVI CHRISOPULOS** (*Ensemble*) is thrilled to be making his national tour debut with *Peter Pan.* Credits: “FBI:CBS (Lucas Ravener),” *Matilda-The Musical* (Nigel), *Broadway!* @ Disneyland*.* Levi would like to thank his Mom, Dad, twin sisters, extended family, and dance family @ DFNW for their unending love and support on this journey. @lchrisop\_dancer

**WILLIAM FOON** (*John*) loves the stage and has performed since age six. He’s based in the SF/Bay Area and has worked in LA/NY. He recently appeared in NY City Center Encores, Oliver! (dir. Lear DeBessonet). Regional credits: *The Secret Garden* (CTGLA, dir. Warren Carlyle), A Christmas Carol (Center REP) and the Broadway Dreams NYC Showcase. Awards: American Protégé 2021 Music Talent & 2022 Vocal International Competitions. William loves Pokémon, Squishmallows and rollercoasters. He is thrilled to be flying to Neverland! Many thanks to ARC, DDO, and all my teachers, family & friends. @william.foon

**CAMDEN KWOK** (*Michael Darling*) is ecstatic to be making his national tour debut! He loves all things performing and cannot wait to meet *Peter Pan* fans across the country! When he’s not on stage, you can find him enjoying a movie night with his fam, breakdancing, playing sports, or spending time with friends. Camden wishes to thank his Mom, Dad, Brother, Sister and pup Gigi Pickles for their love and support. Special thanks to BEA, Maxed Management, ARC + Robert @CamdenKwok

**CHRSTINA HÉLÈNE BRAA** (*Jane*) is an LA-based artist. She grew up studying classical ballet. She earned her BA in Acting at USC. She has garnered several film credits including Miss Brown (Tribeca 2023) as the title character. Playing as Ensemble and u/s Wendy in *Peter Pan* marks her professional musical theater debut.

**KENNY RAMOS** (*Acoma*) is from the Barona Band of Mission Indians/Kumeyaay Nation and he grew up on the Barona Indian Reservation. He is an ensemble member at Cornerstone Theatre Company in Los Angeles, and Artist-in-Residence at La Jolla Playhouse. Kenny has credits with Cornerstone Theater Company, The Rose/Omaha Theater Company, Native Voices at the Autry, Perseverance Theatre, Krannert Center/Illinois Theatre, Passage Theatre Company, Woolly Mammoth, South Dakota Shakespeare Festival, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Denver Center, Seattle Rep, Center Theatre Group/Mark Taper Forum, and The Kennedy Center. TV: “Spirit Rangers” (Netflix). Awards: 2019 Theatre Communications Group (TCG) Fox Foundation Resident Actor Fellow; 2019 First Peoples Fund Cultural Capital Fellow; Yale Center for the Study of Race, Indigeneity, and Transnational Migration 2021 Mellon Artist Fellow; Center for Cultural Innovation 2022 CALI Catalyst Grantee. Education: BA in American Indian Studies, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). @krayramos

**JONAH BARRICKLO** (*Ensemble*) a New York native now living in Boston, and recent graduate of Emerson College (BFA, Musical Theatre). He is thrilled to be a part of this magical production! Favorite credits include: *Xanadu* (Sonny Malone, The Prizery), online concert premiere of *Sticks and Stones*, and *Cabaret* (Herr Schultz, Emerson College). He owes everything to his friends, family, and loving girlfriend for their continuous support! jonahbarricklo.com @\_jonahbear

**TONY COLLINS** (*Swing*) is thrilled to be joining the National tour of *Peter Pan*! Off Broadway: *The Goodbye Girl.* Regional: *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical, The Full Monty, Kinky Boots, Newsies*, and *Ragtime*! TV/Film: NBC’s “Rockin NYE” 2021/22 as a dancer and J. Lo’s Halftime Netflix Premier Viewing as a dancer! Thank you to the best of friends and loved ones. Huge thank you to Duncan and Patrick at ARC! Social Media: @tonyycollinss

**JORDAN T. DeLEON** (*Ensemble*) is thrilled to be making his national tour debut! Regional: Starlight Theatre, Music Theatre Wichita, Theatre Aspen, Lexington Theatre Co, Arts Center of Coastal Carolina. University of Oklahoma '23! Love to Mom, Dad & friends! @jordantdeleon

**BAILEY FRANKENBERG** (*Swing*). Choctaw/ Cherokee Nation Citizen! Training: CAP21 Conservatory, NYC. Regional: *9 to 5* (Doralee), *Unto These Hills* (Wilani), *The Lost Colony* (Eleanor Dare). Tours/International: *Tokyo Disney* (Singer), *Alvin and the Chipmunks Live!* Tour. Instagram @baileyfrankenberg

**BRANDON GILLE** (*Ensemble*) is absolutely thankful and thrilled to be performing in national tour in *Peter Pan*! Brandon attended Pepperdine University, where he received his Bachelor of Arts in Musical Theatre. Notable credits include him starring as Josh in the North American Tour of Nickelodeon’s *Blue’s Clues* (Round Room Live), understudying Claude in *Hair* (El Portal Theater), starring as Quasimodo in Disney’s West Coast premiere of the *Hunchback of Notre Dame* in 2017 (Disney Theatricals), and featured as various live roles at the Foundation of New American Musicals in Los Angeles, CA. “I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to ARC Casting, my agent, and my family!" Check him out on his website, www.brandongille.com, or follow his new Instagram account, @bdgille.

**RYAN PERRY MARKS** (*Ensemble, Co-Fly Captain*) is thrilled to be touring with the incredible new production of *Peter Pan*! Regional: *Mary Poppins* (Bert), *Cinderella* (Prince Topher), *Newsies* (Race, Dance Captain), *Saturday Night Fever* (Double J). National Tour: *Rudolph*… (Charlie). Thank you to ARC Casting, Natalie at LA Talent, and my incredibly supportive family and friends! @ryanperrymarks

**MICHAEL MARRERO** (*Ensemble*). Credits: *The Donna Summer Musical* (Swing*), In The Heights* (Ensemble), *Evita* (Ensemble), *42nd Street* (Ensemble). B.F.A. Ithaca College. Pantera/Murphy the Agency! To my family and friends — Mmmwah! For Nick Pratico. michaelmarrero.me

**CHEYENNE OMANI** (*Swing*). National Tour: *Annie* (Dance Captain/Swing). Regional: *Ain’t Misbehavin’* (Charlaine), *On Your Feet!* (Robin), *A Chorus Line* (Maggie), *Mamma Mia!* (Ali), *Singin’ in the Rain* (Mary Margaret), and *Ragtime* (Evelyn Nesbit). Special thanks to Tiera Ashley at Firestarter Entertainment. @cheyenneomani

**HANNAH SCHMIDT** (*Ensemble*) (she/her). National tour debut! Northeast Ohio native from Bainbridge Township. BFA in musical theatre from Otterbein University. Endless gratitude to the *Peter Pan* team, Hudson Artists Agency, and Casting by Arc. Love to everyone who keeps me dancing—Mom, Dad, Allie, Joe, Dean, and my amazing friends! @hannahdschmidt

**KIARA WILLIAMS** (*Ensemble*)is so excited to make her national tour debut in *Peter Pan*! Kiara is a dance artist born and raised in New Jersey and currently based in Brooklyn, NY. She received her BFA in dance from the University of Michigan and was most recently seen in *Summer: The Donna Summer Musical* (NCL). Kiara would like to thank her friends and family for all of their love and support! IG: @kiarawilliams